Welfare Schemes for backwards in M.P.

†1916. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the welfare schemes relating to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/widows/handicapped and minorities during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the backward and the most backward classes under welfare schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the numbner of persons and families benefited during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post-Matric Scholarships to Tribal Students in M.P.

†1917. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Central Government to the Madhya Pradesh Government for extending the post-matric scholarship and stipend to the tribal students during each of the last five years;

(b) the amount utilized by the State Government during each of the said years;

(c) the amount which has been sanctioned for the students of Government and private institutions; and

(d) the established rules for sanctioning scholarships and stipends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Details of Central Assistance provided by

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